

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Christopher SPEIRS et al. Confirmation No: 3605  
Appl. No. : 10/581,595  
Filed : February 23, 2007  
Title : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PELLETS FOR  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

TC/A.U. : 1616  
Examiner : Hong Yu

Docket No. : SPE13003/ESS/LES  
Customer No. : 23364

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action of March 17, 2010, in connection with the above identified application. Also submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and required fees, extending the due date for response to September 17, 2010. The present response is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application, and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.